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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

My daughter uses this phone when she drives to school. It is important in case something happens so she can call for help while she stays safe in the car.

Prepaid Wireless plans offer the opportunity of limited service (i.e. not very many minutes per month) to people who may not otherwise afford expensive calling plans with long term contracts. The proposed changes are unreasonable as a fixed charge for low volume users. For someone with a \$40 per month regular wireless phone contract who has almost unlimited minutes, \$1.00 is only 2 1/2 %, but represents a ten fold increase for a Prepaid Customer who only uses 10 or 20 minutes per month. Keep Prepaid Wireless as an affordable option for responsible people who may need their phones in an emergency.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members